

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by entering the enclosed Sequence Listing.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 5-14, as follows:

X¹-AIKNPAI-X²- DK-X³-H-X⁴-APN-X⁵- RPIDFEMK-X⁶-X⁷-X⁸-G-X⁹-
QQFYHYAS-X¹⁰-V-X¹¹- PARVIFT-X¹²-X¹³-K-X¹⁴-IELGLQ-X¹⁵-X¹⁶-X¹⁷-
X¹⁸-W-X¹⁹-KFEVYEGDKKLP-X²⁰- KLVSYD-X²¹-X²²-KDYAYIRFSVSNGT-
X²³-X²⁴.VKIVSSTH-X²⁵-X²⁶-X²⁷-N-X²⁸-X²⁹-EKYDYTLM-X³⁰- FAQPIYN-X³¹-X³²-
DK-X³³-X³⁴-X³⁵- EEDY-X³⁶-X³⁷-X³⁸- KLLAPYKKAKTLERQVY EL-X³⁹- K-X⁴⁰- Q-
X⁴¹-KLPEKLKALEYKKKL-X⁴²-X⁴³-T-X⁴⁴- KAL-X⁴⁵-X⁴⁶-QVKSA-X⁴⁷- TEFQNV-X⁴⁸-
PTN-X⁴⁹-K-X⁵⁰- TDLQ-X⁵¹-X⁵²-X⁵³-X⁵⁴-VV-X⁵⁵-ESVEN-X⁵⁶-ES-X⁵⁷-MDTFV-X⁵⁸-
HPIKT-X⁵⁹-X⁶⁰-LNGKKY-X⁶¹-VM-X⁶²- TTND-X⁶³-YWKDF-X⁶⁴- VEG-X⁶⁵- RVRT-
X⁶⁶- SKD-X⁶⁷- KNN-X⁶⁸- RT-X⁶⁹- IFPY-X⁷⁰- EGK-X⁷¹-X⁷²-YDAIVKV-X⁷³- VKTI-
| X⁷⁴-Y-X⁷⁵-GQYHVRI-X⁷⁶- DK-X⁷⁷-X⁷⁸-X⁷⁹ (SEQ ID NO: 58)

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, line 32 to page 12, line 4 as follows:

ORF0657n has been implicated to have a role in *S. aureus* iron acquisition.

(Andrade *et al.*, *Genome Biology* 3(9):47.1-47.5, 2003.) ORF0657n sequences, some of which are from different sources, have been given different designations in different references. (For example, see, Etz *et al.*, *PNAS USA*, 99:6573-6578, 2002 (LPXTGVI, SEQ ID NO: 57); Baba *et al.*, *The Lancet* 359:1819-1827, 2002 (MW1011); Kuroda, *et al.*, *The Lancet* 357, 1225-1240, 2001 (SA0976); Andrade *et al.*, *Genome Biology* 3(9):47.1-47.5, 2003 (S_aur2); Mazmanian *et al.*, *Science* 299:906-909, 2003 (isdB); Mazmanian et al., *Molecular Microbiology* 40:1049-1057, 2001 (sasJ); and Taylor *et al.*, *Mol. Microbiol.* 43:1603-1614, 2002 (sirH).